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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEAN).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 16, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MADELEINE DEAN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

HONORING DR. BETSY OUDENHOVEN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. CROW) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the career of Dr. Betsy Oudenhoven, president of the Community College of Aurora, and congratulate her on her upcoming retirement.

Dr. Oudenhoven joined CCA in 2011, as the vice president for student affairs. She possessed an extensive leadership background, serving students at

institutions in Wisconsin, Minnesota, New York, and Illinois.

CCA recognized her commitment and exceptional service when they appointed her president in December 2013.

In her time at CCA, Dr. Oudenhoven is recognized for advancing the institution's commitment to diversity and inclusion, prioritizing equity, and supporting student success.

During her tenure, CCA also reaffirmed its role in the community by expanding enrollment in high school equivalency and English as a second language programs.

Dr. Oudenhoven faithfully served students across the country for 42 years and helped transform CCA over the last decade.

I congratulate Dr. Betsy Oudenhoven on her retirement and thank her for her commitment to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR.
FELIX GILBERT

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the life of Dr. Felix Gilbert following his passing on April 27 of this year, 2021.

Dr. Gilbert was a pastor, an Air Force veteran, a professor, a mentor, a father, a brother, and a grandfather. He built his ministry, Restoration Christian Fellowship, and the community development corporation, Restoration Christian Ministries, in Aurora, with his wife, Pastor Kotane Gilbert.

Through these organizations, Dr. Gilbert built collaborative partnerships with members of the community to meet their needs where they live, learn, work, play thrive, and worship.

These efforts include establishing Restoration Christian Academy and working with the Food Bank of the Rockies and the city of Aurora to feed hundreds of families per month.

During the pandemic, Dr. Gilbert devoted his time to public health and housing. He worked with the city of Aurora and UC-Health on testing and vaccination efforts, and with Interfaith

Alliance of Colorado and other local agencies to support his ministry's Affordable Housing and Unhoused Residents Village Initiatives.

Dr. Gilbert was an inspiration to his community and worked to mentor local pastors. To honor his legacy, may we strive to build people up and love them just as they are.

CONGRATULATING DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
NANCY FREED

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Deputy City Manager Nancy Freed and congratulate her on her retirement following 28 years of service to the city of Aurora.

During Nancy's career, she oversaw nearly every department in the city. Nancy's impact can be felt across every part of Aurora, as she was integral in the planning, construction, and operation of many community services across the municipality, including libraries and recreation centers.

Nancy saw Aurora through incredible challenges, through drought, unprecedented population growth, and tragedy. She rose to each occasion, creating the Prairie Waters Project, one of the country's first reuse water projects; helping plan Colorado's light rail system, including bringing the RTD's R Line to Aurora; and founding the Aurora Strong Resilience Center and the 7/20 Memorial Garden project following the 2012 Aurora Theater shooting.

In 2018, Nancy was named an Unsung Hero of Aurora by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

A powerhouse of knowledge and creativity, I thank Nancy for her dedicated service and leadership.

RECOGNIZING ARAPAHOE RESCUE PATROL

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the lifesaving work of the Arapahoe Rescue Patrol.

Formed in 1957, in Arapahoe County, Colorado, the search and rescue operations by this team are managed by local high school students. These students dedicate hundreds of hours to

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